

park system. To enhance the enjoyment of the park, this legislation will allow visitors greater access to a temperate rainforest.

Unfortunately, the road leading into Ipsut Creek Campground is below the Carbon River in several spots, resulting in frequent road washouts. Consequently, it is difficult, if not impossible, for visitors to drive safely to the campground. With the boundary adjustment, the park will be able to move the campground to a more secure area and provide for safe travel.

To accomplish the boundary adjustment, land will be purchased from Plum Creek Timber Company and the U.S. Forest Service will transfer land to the National Park Service. In the end, the boundary adjustment will include approximately 1000 acres of both private and U.S. Forest Service land. This legislation will also allow the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in the vicinity of Wilkeson, Washington for a visitor's center. This center will provide vital information to people accessing Mt. Rainier National Park in the Carbon and Mowich Corridors.

I look forward to working with the Resources Committee and my colleagues to enact this boundary adjustment.

#### ON THE RETIREMENT OF BERNADETTE CASEY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an exemplary member of the Long Island community.

The Suffolk County Police Department consistently shows us the best and most heroic that Long Island has to offer. For 20 years, Bernadette Casey has served as a valuable member of that department. During that two-decade tenure, Ms. Casey was assigned to the Homicide Squad as Stenographer, Senior Stenographer and Principal Stenographer. She has made a lasting contribution to the safety of Long Island residents.

On August 31, 2002, Bernadette Casey retired from the police department. She will be sorely missed by her colleagues, who brought her retirement to my attention. I come to this floor so that I may offer my congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Speaker, Long Island appreciates the service of Bernadette Casey.

#### A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO GEORGE L. MYLANDER FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF SANDUSKY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. George L. Mylander, of Sandusky, Ohio, is being honored for his dedicated service and loyalty to the citizens of Sandusky.

Mr. Speaker, George's efforts are being recognized by the Firelands Regional Medical Center, of which both he and his family played a significant role in developing. Serving the community was not only George's duty but also his honor. These chances to give back to the community have brought him a lifetime of both personal and professional achievement. George truly is a valued asset to the City of Sandusky.

George has served Sandusky well throughout his years, both professionally and philanthropically. He began as a schoolteacher in the Sandusky City School system, and has since put his efforts to work in the financial and health care industries throughout greater Northwest Ohio.

George's numerous charitable interests include the Stein Hospice Service, Wightman-Wieber Foundation, and the United Way of Erie County. The Greater Toledo Area Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives recently recognized George's philanthropic efforts when they honored him with their Outstanding Philanthropist Award. He is also active in the local American Legion, Kiwanis Club, and serves on the boards of the Erie County Chamber of Commerce, and Bowling Green State University's Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to George Mylander. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like George, who care about the well being and stability of their communities. We wish him the very best on this special occasion.

#### REAUTHORIZATION OF THE WATER DESALINATION ACT

**HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the reauthorization of the Water Desalination Act of 1996, included in H.R. 5460, the Federal Water Project Recreation Act which the House approved today.

I am pleased that language from H.R. 4792, the reauthorization of the Water Desalination Act, which I introduced earlier this year has been included in the Federal Water Project Recreation Act. This legislation will continue an authorization of \$55 million through 2008 for the Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development program (DWPR). The DWPR program has promoted important research to reduce treatment costs of previously unusable water sources such as brackish groundwater and coastal waters. These projects have proved to be valuable investments in helping to meet our nation's future water needs.

Since its inception in 1996, the Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development program has helped fund research in cooperation with 20 universities and institutes of higher learning, 33 local governments, and 59 domestic private sector organizations. In all, nearly 30 states are represented in a broad cooperation of both public and private organizations.

Such cooperation has produced impressive results with the partnership's efforts making significant technological advances in the field

of water desalination and water purification. Clean water is essential for the health of all Americans. As our population continues to grow and conventional water supplies become over used, we will need to look at new resources such as sea water to supplement our supply.

I am pleased that with the reauthorization of the Water Desalination Act of 1996 my colleagues recognize the importance of desalination technology. This is a significant step forward in ensuring a safe and steady water supply for our nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on September 24, I missed rollcall votes No. 404, 405 and 406.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 404, 405 and 406.

On September 25, I missed rollcall votes No. 407, 408 and 409; had I been present I would have voted "yea" on these rollcall votes. Additionally, I missed rollcall vote No. 410 on agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 4691. Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 410. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 411 on the motion to recommit with instructions and I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 412. I would have also voted "nay" on rollcall votes No. 413 and 414 and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 415.

On September 26, I missed rollcall vote No. 416; had I been present I would have voted "nay" on this rollcall vote. On rollcall votes No. 417 and 418, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 419, I would have voted "nay" on agreeing to the resolution to provide for consideration of H.R. 4600. Additionally, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 420 and "nay" on rollcall vote No. 421. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 422 and 423.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during Rollcall Vote 423. Had I been present I would have voted Yes.

#### HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW COST, TIMELY HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the bill H.R. 4600, which